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**“Our affections are for life—
We live by them; they supply
our warmth.”**

—Channing

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"I am only one, but still I am one; I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."

— Edward Everett Hale

EDITORIAL ETCHES

What a po pourri of feeling wells up within,

- *there's joy, excitement, anticipation*
- *there's satisfaction, relief, pride*
- *there's fear, restlessness, and uncertainty.*

That long awaited, hard-worked-for time has finally arrived. . . . School days are over and the student of 12 or 16 years, perhaps even longer, is ready to leave the halls of the educational institutes and begin his walk down the corridors of the big, wide world.

What an awesome responsibility — stepping out to "meet the world." What a challenge — dreaming of "making a good and lasting mark on this old world." What a perplexing task — trying to "find one's place" in the world and at the same time trying to secure true and lasting happiness.

Truly it is an exciting, challenging adventure for a young person to complete his "formal education," to step out on his own, to begin earning his own living, to begin making his own contributions to society, to take on the responsibilities of his own home and family, to really begin a life of productive, purposeful adulthood.

To begin a new lifestyle . . . to step out on one's own . . . to accept the responsibilities of adulthood . . . Yes, this beginning is an exciting, glamorous, monumental time in the life of a young person, for it is at this point in life — the point of so many beginnings — that the course of the remainder of life is determined. It is at this point in youth (beginning adulthood) that the all-important, life-altering deci-

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What Is Your ^{BRADEN ACRES} Measure ^{GRADE SCHOOL}

of
Success



by Hope Dais

Almost since you started school twelve years ago, you have looked forward to the year 1973—the time when you can say, "School is over. It is completed. I've graduated. Now I'm my own boss. Now I can really live!"

The time has now arrived! Suddenly, however, you face the realization that you're not through at all—you're just beginning—that while you may consider yourself your own boss, you have many people to answer to. Suddenly you understand—really understand—what your Mother was trying to explain to you when as a child you may have asked the question, "Why do they call it commencement when it's the end instead of the beginning?"

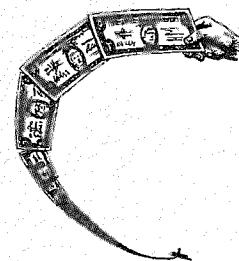
Now that you realize this is the beginning, your next question of yourself is: "The beginning of what?? What is it going to begin for me?"

This is a question that only you can answer, and it certainly is not our purpose to help you choose a vocation. It is our purpose here, however, to help you choose your measure of success.

Just what is YOUR measure of

success? Have you thought about it? Could you define it in some kind of meaningful terms?

It has been said that *no failure is more disastrous than the success that leaves God out of the bargain.* What an important axiom to keep in mind at this time as you look forward in planning your life. Unfortunately, parents often view success without this truth foremost in their minds. Even Christian parents are sometimes guilty of this error in perspective. Proud parents, in extolling the accomplishments of their offspring, are all



too often heard to emphasize the position of employment, salary, the fine home, etc., giving little regard to what place the Heavenly Father may hold in the life of their loved one.

Yes, the world definitely measures success with a faulty measuring stick. Fine homes, fine cars, habatchis and barbecue grills are well and good—but only as these possessions come in the order outlined in Matthew 6:33—*“But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”*

Like happiness, success is not to be sought as an end in itself. Rather, it comes about in the pursuit of doing and being an honest, helpful, kind and resourceful individual. It comes in recognizing one’s weaknesses as well as in strengthening and utilizing one’s strong points. It comes in being humble about those human tendencies which we recognize to be a part of ourselves, but in being bold in standing up for those principles which God requires of us.

Success comes to those who are seeking to do good, to help others, and to serve God—not in order to gain success, but in order to benefit someone. And herein lies success, though it so quietly approaches that one is not aware of his own real success, as such.

You may be tempted to reason that at a later date you can set standards—and that at this point the important thing is to take advantage of every opportunity offered you in order to “make good” in the world—in college, in establishing a reputation in the business

world. *Don’t be deceived. Right now it is MOST important that you resolve to be a steady, determined individual for the cause of Christ. When you face a conflict, weigh it correctly. No price is too high in avoiding compromise where your Saviour is concerned.*

Within the next few years, you will likely select a mate, select a vocation, and establish the circle of friends which will influence your type of life. Your “*measure of success*” right now IS important. If you are found compromising your beliefs and principles at this time, the same and more will be expected of you later. *Anyone* can drift with the tide (the crowd). It takes an uncommon individual to determine to stand for truth, regardless what those around may do.

Go ahead and be a success—not just in the church pew—but in the business world. God needs successful people in His field—to support His work, to pay tithes into His storehouse, to provide comfortably for their own.

... But never forget what to “seek first...”

... Never forget that “no failure is more disastrous than the success that leaves God out of the bargain.”

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So You’ve Graduated—



NOW WHAT?

by Max M. Morrow

Splashed across the top of a special feature page in a Sunday newspaper was this caption: “LIFE BEGINS AT 65.”

What a waste of years, then, I thought to myself. God has just allotted us 70 years (“three score years and ten”—Psalm 90:10). This leaves only five years for really living. And I thought the Lord wanted our *lives*, not just scraps of our lives.

The purpose of the caption was to show that life after 65 can be productive and rewarding, a time for fulfilling the dreams of earlier years. Several examples were related and photographed to prove it.

But for you who are just reaching the milestone of graduation

from high school, college, or university it would be foolish to accept such a false premise. Life has already begun for you; it is only that you have now reached a new stage, a higher launching pad, you might say.

WHICH WAY?

Many graduates flounder in uncertainty and bewilderment for a period of time, not knowing what to make of their lives—rather, not knowing *what God wants to make of their lives*. They experiment with this and that, wander here and there, hoping to strike on something that “rings a bell,” something that seems to be “the thing.” Graduation for them is a crossroads experience when they must

make the choice of direction.

This is regrettable, for a clear-cut decision for Christ ought to have been made long before graduation. And this decision is the cross-roads experience when we have a right to choose. After this choice is made, it is only for us to follow in the way the Lord leads.

Graduation, then, ought not to be a time of deciding, but a time of attaining—a time of achievement along the way we have already chosen.

Naturally, if the decision for Christ has not been made before, it surely ought to be made now—at graduation—before any more of life is wasted.

A saying that I can remember hearing my father mention many times goes something like this: "An educated fool is the worst fool of all." What youth with an education wants to "fool away" his life?

GUIDELINES FOR LIFE

Graduation for the Christian is actually a time of promotion in the field of service. Once as a student, his life was lived for Christ; now his life is lived for Him as a skilled workman, a trained specialist, a certified professional.

The true disciple has learned the wisdom of these words:

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord..." (Colossians 3:17).

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord..." (Colossians 3:23).

"... Whatsoever ye do, do all to

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the glory of God" (I Corinthians 10:31).

These words have already become a part of the graduate's life if he has truly committed himself to God. As such, they keep him from floundering when he reaches this important milestone. It is not a matter of "What am I going to do?" but "How am I going to do it?" The decision has already been made to live for the glory of God.

GLORIFYING GOD

Service to fellowman is the greatest means of glorifying God that there is. Naturally, the more this service is directed toward fitting fellowman for usefulness to God now and eternal life to come in the Kingdom of God, the greater the glory God receives.

Jesus one time said (in a parable), "... Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40). And on another occasion He said, "... Whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all" (Mark 10:44).

Service to fellowman does not go unnoticed in heaven. "Whosoever shall give to drink unto one

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Congratulations 1973 Graduates Go forward - - **ACHIEVE!**

You hold in your hand the camel's hair brush of a painter of Life. You stand before the vast white canvas of Time. The paints are your thoughts, emotions and acts.

Through the power of your creative imagination you catch a vision... you dream a dream.

You visualize yourself as the person you want to be.

You strive to make the ideal in your mind become a reality on the canvas of Time.

You select and mix the positive colors of heart, mind and spirit into the qualities of effective living: patience, determination, endurance, self-discipline, work, love and faith.

Each moment of your life is a brush stroke in the painting of your growing career.

The art of achievement is the art of making life a masterpiece.

Wilfred A. Peterson

A H^ol^e or a Hill?

by Cindy Gibbs

You represent one of two things to people whose paths cross yours in this walk of life. You are either a hole or a hill.

If you are a *hole*, a person walking down life's pathway may suddenly find his journey interrupted by you. He stumbles upon you and looks deep into you seeing only hollow darkness. Just as quickly as he stumbled into you—a *hole*—he climbs out. Obviously, as a *hole* you make no Christian influence on this person for he flees from you to the refuge of his old ways of life.

But if you are a *hill*, a person walking down life's road stumbles upon you and looks up to you. He ponders on how to attain your peak. He realizes how much light and advantage he could gain by reaching your height. So, he diligently works making his way to the top, and there he finds a better view and perspective of life and all the things around him. But, he obtains this only because you were a *hill* when he stumbled upon you, and being a *hill* you brought light and new vision to an otherwise darkened life.

Both holes and hills are influences, and as a Christian, you represent one or the other. When someone stumbles upon you he is influenced by your heights and depths—your every word, your every action is an influence. What a tremendous influence you are upon this world's travelers.

**Which are you . . .
a hole
or
a hill?**



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Your
Health
Clinic

Specializing in Internal Medicine
Counselling and advice by Dr. Victor Reeh

Dear Doctor Reeh,

I am very concerned about a friend of mine. His temperature seems to be abnormally high a great percentage of the time. The slightest annoyance or inconvenience leaves him burning up.

I understand there is possibility of permanent damage if the condition persists. Is there some medication or therapy which will normalize his temperature?

Sincerely,
Ann Xious

Dear Ann,

You do indeed have cause for concern. Your friend is suffering from megalego or in laymen's terms, enlarged ego. Other symptoms of the disorder are slight swelling of the head and frequent flushing of the face and neck. Often it is accompanied by reddening of the ears.

It is highly unlikely that any permanent damage has been done if proper treatment is begun immediately. However, as long as the condition is allowed to persist it creates an unhealthy atmosphere for those who come in contact with your

friend. It is especially contagious to small children.

This disorder is known to have a definite effect upon the behavior pattern of the victim as it weakens the functioning of the brain and heart. According to Scripture, "Everyone that is proud in heart is an abomination unto the Lord" (Proverbs 16:5), and the effect on the brain is emphasized in I Timothy 6:4, "He is proud, knowing nothing, but dotting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmising. . . ."

You may do a great deal to help this person on his road to recovery by prayerfully and tactfully making him aware of his condition and of the danger of neglecting it, for until he is cured, a person suffering from this disease has little chance of living a full and satisfying life. The head-swelling will be relieved by repeated exposure to Scriptures stressing the mortal and sinful nature of man and the goodness and mercy of God. The temperature will be normalized by continued application of patience poultices and by love capsules, taken while on the knees.

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Teen Guidelines

by Jerry Moldenhauer



The Situation Ethics Dilemma

For many people there seems to be no problem with the conflict concerning the profound theory of situation ethics—they just ignore it until a time comes which calls for them to decide. Quite frankly, I had a very uncertain concept of what the term “situation ethics” meant until delving into some very heavy material.

The idea of situation ethics has been around for several hundred years, but in the late 1960's a Dr. Joseph Fletcher wrote a book on it that sent reverberations throughout the theological world. In quick summary, he claims that there are three approaches to arriving at moral decisions—legalistic, antinomian and situational and, of course, the only right method is situational.

The legalistic approach means that the letter of the law is absolute regardless of consequences. The antinomian approach is nothing short of religious anarchy—there is no law, one just knows what is right when one needs to know. The situationalist says there is only one law—to love (agape) God and neighbors. All rules—laws, principles, and ideals—are valid only when they serve love in any given situation.

The decision on how to act in a given situation is determined by pragmatism, relativism and personalism. Time and space precludes going into detail, but it would be well for you to look up these terms for clearer understanding.

The over-all theory is summed up in six propositions: (1) Only love is intrinsically good (2) love is the *only* ruling norm in Christian ethics (3) love and justice are one and the same (4) love wills the neighbor good even if one does not like his neighbor (5) only the end justifies the means, and (6) love's decisions can only be made situationally.

To give these propositions more meaning, I quote Dr. Fletcher, “*The first one pins down the nature of value. The second reduces all values to love. The third equates love and justice. The fourth frees love from sentimentality. The fifth states the relationship between means and ends. The sixth authenticates every decision within its own context.*”

This skeletal summary doesn't do justice to the subject. It would be of interest for you to check out some books or magazine articles on situation ethics.

When considering the situation ethics theory the immediate impact a traditional moralist will experience is one of shock. The question comes to mind, “*Can just anything be permissible if agape love is the result? Anything??*” The situationalist would answer affirmatively. This sets the mind to thinking of a variety of bizarre incidents.

Several examples of pointedly perplexing situations were given for consideration. One such example is the story of a woman who was held as prisoner in Russia during World War II and could return to her family in Germany only if she became pregnant—which would make her a liability to the Russians. She asked a prison guard to impregnate her and, having become a liability, she was returned to her family. The child born

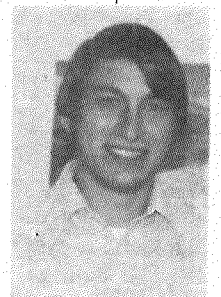
as a result was deeply loved because of the reunion he caused. *Is this right or wrong?* Did more love exist because of this experience than it otherwise would have?

Then there is the case of a father and husband with a terminal illness. He has been given three years to live if properly cared for—otherwise only about six months. His only insurance policy would probably be cancelled when it came up for renewal. Would he refuse the medical care and leave his family \$100,000 in insurance payment or continue the expensive medical care and leave nothing?

A very realistic situation is that of the Uruguayan rugby team whose plane crashed high in the Andes without hope of rescue or survival. After 20 days the 16 survivors ran out of the little amount of food and finally decided to consume the raw, frozen flesh of the comrades they had buried in the snow. After 73 days they were rescued. What would you have done in the same situation?

Love in its highest form—Godly love (agape)—is the situationalist's basis for deciding what to do in these cases. The situationalist maintains that laws no longer have *absolute*, unbreakable control in *every* situation. No longer does tradition—no matter how firmly entrenched—hold back when love can best be

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served by breaking it. The situationalist maintains that stealing, killing, adultery, lying, etc. can all be used legitimately if love is the result. The situationalist does favor the use of laws in society, but believes that from time to time there will be exceptional situations in which the law of love overrules the law of established principles.

Sometimes our minds become so narrowed by long-held beliefs that everything seems to have a line drawn making right and wrong very cut and dried. Consider the situation where the life of a member of your family could be ended by a crazed individual who believes your loved one to be responsible for his misfortune. Your relative is in your home, the man approaches your house extremely mad and with gun in hand. You can deny the one he is hunting is or has been around your home, which would probably save a life or you could be truthful. . . .

Is it valid to choose the lesser of two evils or does one unconditionally cling to all precepts of the law? Consider: During World War II in a German concentration camp, those women that were pregnant were killed. A doctor in the camp performed 3000 abortions to save what would otherwise have been 6000 deaths—both mother and unborn child.

You can probably add some less dramatic but just as poignant examples of your own to these described. At this point it would be well to recognize that the type of dilemmas which we have cited here are not the real issue in the conflict over situation ethics. Obviously, it would be useless to attempt to analyze all possible circumstances of an extreme nature. One can only trust

that when such perplexities are faced, if the one concerned is a child of God, He will be given the needed wisdom to judge correctly. The real issue concerns those who apply situation ethics to justify their satisfying their every whim.

How does one know right from wrong? The situationalist has what seems to be a simple decision—do what results in the most love. There are some problems with this theory, though.

Can man always know what is good or what the way of love is in every circumstance? Here we take into account the human being—man. We have a tremendous capacity to believe what we want. Thus, love becomes whatever we want or think it to be. Try as we may to be objective, there will be times when several people will not agree on how love can best be served or on what the love to be served really is.

Just what is love? Apostle Paul states that love is the fulfilling of the law. With this he refers to the Decalogue. Regardless of our biases, it should be realized that God has a firm set of rules which was magnified with the coming of Jesus. *There have never been any Biblically recorded valid exceptions to the Ten Commandments. In fact, obedience is one of the strongest themes in the Bible.*

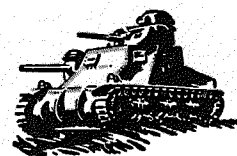
I am unaware of any Biblical precedent for exceptions in any of God's absolute laws (The Ten Commandments, clean and unclean, and tithes and offerings) that have been considered justifiable by God. Some may point to David's taking of the holy shewbread when he was in need. It must be remembered that this was

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War, Water, and Oil

by Stanley J. Kauer

"THERE IS NO PEACE"

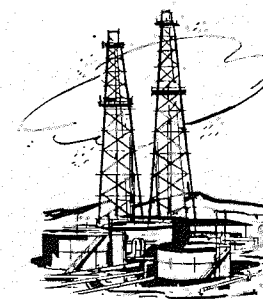


Now more than ever we are reminded of the words of the prophet Jeremiah in Jeremiah 6:14, "*They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace, when there is no peace.*"

Jeremiah was referring to Judah which was being attacked and would soon be carried away into captivity. But we see the thought of the verse also carried out in the results of the peace conferences of man. The Treaty of Versailles did not make a lasting peace. It was a "slight" healing of the hurt, and it resulted in World War II. Just recently we have seen the development of a peace agreement with North Viet Nam. American prisoners of war have been returned and the American forces have been withdrawn . . . but the war goes on. Apparently North Viet Nam has no intention of giving up until they have won control of the entire Indo-China peninsula. Some fear

that the United States will be drawn back into the war, but this is doubtful. *It would seem, rather, that the far eastern nations will be further consolidated in preparation for their part in Armageddon.*

ARABS AND OIL



In a recent issue *Time* magazine told of the great wealth of the Arab nations in connection with oil. These are the nations on the Arabian peninsula to the south and east of Israel. The Arab nations around Israel—Egypt, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon—are not rich in oil. It is noteworthy that Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and other oil-rich Arab nations have not been willing to put their money into financing war against Israel. And they are not using their wealth to build up their own armaments. They

are more interested in improving their educational facilities, their agriculture, and in obtaining the luxuries of life. And so their oil wealth is not at present a threat to Israel. If they should join in a war against Israel, it is conceivable that Israel might occupy their territory and gain control of their oil production. This is what has happened in the Sinai. Israel is exporting some of the oil produced there and thus profiting from their occupation of that land.

WATER, THE KEY TO PROSPERITY IN ISRAEL

Some of the most desolate desert land of the world is found in the southern part of Israel, called the Negev. One of the miracles connected with the return of the Jews to Israel has been their ability to inhabit such desolate land and to cause it to produce profitable crops. The prophecy of Jeremiah says, "And fields shall be bought in this land, whereof ye say, It is desolate without man or beast; . . . Men shall buy fields for money and subscribe evidences, and seal them, and take witnesses in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the south: for I will cause their captivity to return, saith the Lord" (Jeremiah 32:43, 44). Note the phrases "desolate without man or beast" and "in the cities of the south." A new college called "The University of the Negev" is now being built in a "city of the south" —Beersheba. And the desert is be-

ing watered and made to produce. *But where do they get the water?* The answer is, *FROM THE SEA!*

Sea water is salty and unfit for irrigation, but *the Jews have built the world's most efficient plants for de-salting sea water.* One such plant is at Eliat at the north end of the Gulf of Aqaba which is part of the Red Sea. The cost of converting the water is so low that it is being used in large scale irrigation in the desert of the Negev.

PROSPERITY TO CONTINUE

This effort to make the land produce orchards and fields is not something which will be only a vain attempt. The Bible indicates that it is to continue and become wonderful in the future. "And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden . . ." (Ezekiel 36:34, 35). And Amos declares, "And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God."

And so we find new things constantly taking place in the world which continue to fulfill the prophecies showing that the second ad-



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vent of Christ is drawing nearer. Let us continue to watch and believe and remain ready for this marvelous event.

reth. He may be reached at any time through His 24-hour personal answering service.

Sincerely yours,
Dr. Victor Reeh

YOUR HEALTH CLINIC

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I would highly recommend periodic consultation with a specialist on megalogo and related diseases, the most prominent of which is Jesus of Naza-

Humility is the genuine proof of Christian virtue.—Without it we keep all our defects; and they are only crusted over by pride, which conceals them from others, and often from ourselves.

—ROCHIEFOUCAULD



Make your reservation today! You may use the form on the inside back cover.

For further retails, please consult recent issues of the *Harvest Field Messenger* or the district reporters.

Rally Review

To Tell The Truth

On the afternoon of March 10, 1973, the Denver F.Y.C. presented the rally, "TO TELL THE TRUTH." The rally, presented in the style of the television program by the same name, was based on the theme of what a Christian really is.

Commercials were given during breaks in the skit* and such things as 2T4G, Freedom, and Happiness were advertised. Special numbers were presented during station breaks, and the program was interrupted by a special news bulletin straight from Sacramento, California when the guest speaker, Elder Ray Straub, told of the urgency of being a true Christian.

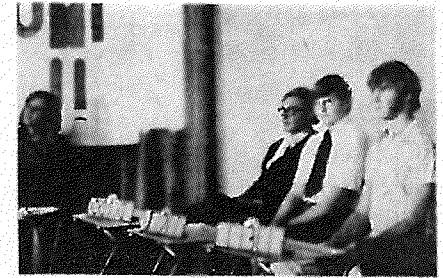
The rally was highlighted when the real Mr. Christian revealed his identity by standing up, and the entire F.Y.C. joined him at the front of the church to sing a song about peace, love and happiness—true qualities of a Christian. —Reported by Wanda O'Banion



The entire F.Y.C. participated in the rally by singing a group song.

*Any F.Y.C. interested in having the complete script to this rally can write to the National F.Y.C.

Remember: To make this new feature, RALLY REVIEW, a success we need the help of your F.Y.C. Send to AIM a short report and pictures of a rally your group has planned and presented. In your report please include the theme of the rally and tell something about the way you expressed this theme.



The moderator and Christian No. 1, Christian No. 2, and Christian No. 3 are shown in this picture.

THE SITUATION ETHICS DILEMMA

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an ecclesiastical law and not a moral one. Otherwise it might have been more practical for him to have stolen from an unsuspecting Gentile in the area.

A tremendously important concern to this subject is the aspect of faith. Many people artificialize faith by adamantly adhering to law and tradition—their own as well as God's. All of this legalism provides a feeling of security from sin when actually much of this is a superficial cloak of self-righteousness. We aren't to be mechanical robots. On the other hand, faith alone cannot be expected to please God. To live our life with "faith" that God will direct our every move with no assistance from us is quite naive and certainly unbiblical.

God has given all Christians varied intelligence, talents, and personalities to use in fulfilling a particular work or office. God expects us to put to use all the resources He has endowed us with to solve problems as they arise and to be creative in service to Him. In relation to situation ethics,

if our spiritual life is strong, we can depend upon the Holy Spirit's guidance as we use our God-given abilities to determine right and wrong. When we have done all that God has given us the ability to do, it is necessary to exercise total reliance upon God. When we have complete faith in Him, God will fulfill the promises given to us. Too often our own faith isn't sufficient to allow God to work for us.

It is imperative that we continually strengthen our spiritual faith. Only then will the words of Romans 8:26-28, 31 be meaningful to us: "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"



Reach Out

The Church in Latin America

by Daniel Davila

MEXICO

Abraham Fentanes Lopart, National Chairman of Fraternidad Juvenil Cristiana (FJC) invites the young people of the Church of God in the United States to attend a National Youth Convention.

Place: Oaxtepec, Mor., Mexico

Date: July 23-25, 1973

Cost: \$2.36 approximately. This fee covers room and board and installations for three days, starting Sunday, July 22 at 5:00 p.m.

For more information about how to join the U.S. delegation traveling to this conference, see the special ad on page 25 of this AIM.

ECUADOR



Elder Andres Leiva, missionary in Ecuador, reports that the work there is very promising. The church in Ecuador has been growing slowly, but surely.



Pujili, Ecuador, South America.
This is the group in the city of

Guayaquil, which is a famous harbor in Ecuador, recently suffered from floods, and some of our brethren there lost all of their belongings. These brethren are now in need of summer clothing for the weather there is very hot.



This is the group in Quito, Ecuador, South America

Our brethren in Quito and Pujili, Ecuador, are very poor and much in need of winter clothing (Quito and Pujili are very cold regions of the country.)

Anyone who might be able to help provide the clothing needs of these brethren can contact Elder Andres Leiva at this address:

Iglesia de Dios
Apartado Postal 5203
Sucursal No. Chimbacalle
Quito, Ecuador, S. America

PERU

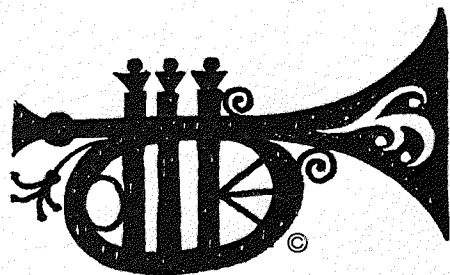
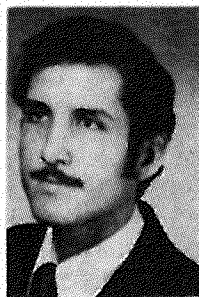
Elder Leiva reports that he has also made contacts in PERU. Peru is a field crying out for workers!

BOGOTO, COLUMBIA

Sister N. Duncan from London, England has recently moved to Bogoto, Columbia to serve as a missionary there. We know that Sister Duncan will do a good work in Bogoto, and we congratulate her for her decision to serve there. The brethren in England are to be commended for their interest in foreign missions.

CONTINUE TO PRAY WITH MUCH FAITH FOR GOD'S CHURCH AND YOUTH IN LATIN AMERICA.

Daniel Davila, FYC foreign correspondent for the countries of Central America, Mexico, and South America, is presently serving as boys' dean and Bible instructor at Spring Vale Academy.



ANNOUNCING . . .

We are happy to welcome the following three young people as new members of the F.Y.C.:

Tim Endecott
Marion, Iowa

Andrew Fauth

Debbie Taylor
Marion, Iowa

REMINDER TO LOCAL FYC GROUPS: We need YOUR help to make this monthly feature successful. Please report names and addresses of any new members of your group to National FYC, P. O. Box 2370, Denver, CO 80201.

SO YOU'VE GRADUATED— NOW WHAT?

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of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward" (Matthew 10:42). "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love . . ." (Hebrews 6:10).

STIMULUS FOR SERVICE

The natural inclination is to want to be served. This is the selfish way. But the self-LESS way is to *do* the serving. And this *self-less* way is naturally based on love.

This is graphically illustrated in the story of Luke 7:36-50. Here a Pharisee is pictured as hosting Jesus at mealtime, when an unchaste woman entered and wept at Jesus' feet, even anointing His feet with ointment. This she did to the embarrassment of the host. The lesson of the story is that love evokes service—service in return for blessings received.

It is love in the graduate's heart that speeds him on his way of service to God through service to his fellowmen. Without this love, this compassion, the graduate is merely a refrigerator in which is stored a wealth of facts and skills that are too cold to glorify God. Knowledge without compassion is as unproductive as a light bulb without electricity.

Graduation has come. You are caught up in the pomp and excitement of your achievement. Let the surety of your commitment to Christ keep your bearings. There is a trail chartered for you. Follow



it faithfully as the Lord leads and you will find satisfaction in every step, with ecstatic joy awaiting at the finish line.

COMMENCEMENT

How appropriate to call graduation a commencement. For it is not an ending, but a beginning. One is now ready to move onward to the work of a lifetime. Not what is finished, but what yet remains to be achieved is the emphasis of graduation day. Invitingly ahead lies a wonderful future, and opportunity lures one inward. How thrilling to be young and eagerly looking forward with a heart full of excitement!

Norman Vincent Peale

EDITORIAL ETCHES

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sions are made, and it is these decisions that will determine the quality, the purpose, the success, the happiness, and the ultimate result of one's life. So, 1973 graduates, you are embarking on your great adventure in life . . . the foundation you lay now is what the remainder of your life will be built upon. Think slowly . . . plan carefully . . . live wisely . . . and in all things rely on God.

Hanging in the Air

by David Neighbors

(Based upon Matthew 16:2, 3 and Revelation 6:12, 13)

I see the sun setting, and it's getting mighty low.

I see the moon turning red; we don't have much time to go.
All men are falling like the stars in the sky.

WHO WILL ANSWER? WHO WILL TELL US WHY?

There are people all around us just hanging in the air,
But on our streets we pass them as if they weren't even there!
Open up the mystery, and let the love come in!
I wonder where the hope is, and where it will begin.

Day after day it's been alright, but *now it is turning night!*
So watch and pray for the new age coming in sight!
Do you hear words burning in your ears???
Many men have spoken and have wept bitter tears.

Oh, Christians, what are we doing today to light the way?
All men speak to us in blindness when they say,
"I see the sun setting and it's getting mighty low."
"I see the moon turning red; we don't have much time to go!"

Christians, we can do it, you know we can!
The Key is the love in our souls—it is so much in demand!
Who are they that fear our love?? *They are people just hanging in the air.*
Those who've found themselves in a hopeless state, wishing they weren't there.

WHO WILL ANSWER? WHO WILL TELL US WHY?

Yet so many men without hope and cause are going to die!
I see the sun setting, and it's getting might low,
I see the moon turning red: we don't have much time to go.

2T4G—TAKE TIME FOR GOD

There's a New World Coming

by Marilyn Current

"There's a new world coming...coming in peace, coming in joy, coming in love." So go the lyrics to a recent, very pretty popular song that captivated the ears of many young radio-listeners. How much more beautiful and captivating are the words that describe a new world that REALLY is coming. These words which describe the new world that is coming are found in God's Word, the Bible, and you can learn all about this new world by reading the following selections:

Read the following chapters paying particular interest to the verses listed in parenthesis:

THE MILLENNIUM

June 1—Ps. 72 (vs. 10 & 11)
June 2—Prov. 10 (v. 30)
June 3—Isa. 2
June 4—Isa. 11
June 5—Isa. 12
June 6—Isa. 32
June 7—Isa. 33
June 8—Isa. 35 (vs. 3-10)
June 9—Isa. 65 (vs. 17-25)
June 10—Isa. 66 (vs. 15-24).
June 11—Jer. 23 (vs. 5-8).
June 12—Jer. 33 (vs. 15 & 16)
June 13—Dan. 2 (vs. 35, 44, 45)
June 14—Micah 4
June 15—Zech. 2 (vs. 10-12)
June 16—Zech. 8 (vs. 1-8)
June 17—Matt. 5 (3 & 5)
June 18—Matt. 19 (v. 28)
June 19—Acts 3 (vs. 20-23)

June 20—Rev. 2 (vs. 26, 27)
June 21—Rev. 5 (v. 10)

WICKED DEAD RAISED AND JUDGED

June 22—II Cor. 5 (v. 10)
June 23—Matt. 25 (vs. 31-46)
June 24—Matt. 13

THE EARTH & HEAVENS COMPLETELY RESTORED

June 25—Psa. 102 (vs. 25, 26)
June 26—Heb. 1 (vs. 10-12)
June 27—II Pet. 3 (vs. 7, 8, 10, 12)

THE HOLY CITY COMES DOWN FROM GOD

June 28—I Cor. 2 (v. 9)
June 29—Rev. 21
June 30—Rev. 22

Almost Persuaded

by Marcia Woods

It had been a rather busy day of preaching with services both in Jerusalem and in Samaria, when Philip decided to rest for a while. But this rest was short-lived for an angel of the Lord appeared unto him and told him to go down to Ethiopia. Without pausing to question, but merely obeying, Philip made the journey south. There he found a eunuch sitting in his chariot reading from the book of Isaiah. "Do you understand what you're reading?" Philip asked.

"How can I unless someone teaches me?" was the reply. As Philip read the 53rd chapter of Isaiah, he took advantage of this golden opportunity to tell the eunuch of Jesus. Immediately grasping the truth of the gospel of Jesus, the eunuch requested baptism. Philip told him that if he believed on Jesus, he could be baptized. After the eunuch's statement of belief, Philip proceeded to take him down into the water (Acts 8).

Mere belief was the key. Is it still the only requirement? Are works necessary? Should we keep the ten commandments? The ninth article of belief of the doctrinal handbook of our church deals with this very subject. Numerous passages in the Bible say only "believe and thou shalt be saved." Is this all that is necessary? What does "belief" include?

Acts 26 tells about an interesting event in the life of Paul when he appeared before King Agrippa. In the 27th verse, Paul asked, "King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets?" and then answers his own question, "I know that thou believest." And yet, the king replied in verse 28, "almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." Belief was not enough. James 2:19 says that the devils also believe and tremble.

Many are going to appear before Christ saying, "Lord, Lord" and will declare their many good works before Him on the day of judgment only to hear Him say, "Depart from me, I never knew you." (See Luke 6:46 and Matt. 7:21-23).

But if belief isn't enough and if works aren't enough, then what do we do to be saved? James 2 shines a light for us. "Yes, a man may say, *Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith BY my works.*" If we truly believe that Christ is the Son of God, that He was sent to set an example for us, that He died a cruel death on the cross and was resurrected that we might have eternal life, won't we want to tell the world? If Christ gave His all out of love for us, what are we to do? What are we DOING for Him?

Accepting Christ initially involves belief, but it does not stop there. 1 John 4 and 5 describe Christ's sacrifice and also the danger involved in our denying His sacrifice (4:2,3; 5:10). After this initial belief, works will automatically follow. We will want to keep His commandments (1 John 2:3-5) and to spread His message of life to the entire world (Matt. 28:18-20).

Acts 4:12
Acts 16:11

I John 4:15
James 1:26

I John 5:10
Luke 9:23

James 2:19
Hebrews 5:9

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

The Mexico F.J.C. is planning a National Congress of the youth of the Church of God in Mexico this summer. The dates of the Congress are July 22-25, 1973, and the location is Oaxtepec, a beautiful resort in the mountains south of Mexico City.

The Mexican youth have invited several from the United States to attend this wonderful Congress. If any of you F.Y.C.ers are interested in accompanying the United States delegation that will attend, please write to the National F.Y.C. office immediately. Although final details of the trip are still pending and will be announced in next month's AIM, it is likely that we will travel by train or plane, departing from some point in Oklahoma or Texas. The total cost of the roundtrip and the Congress will be about \$100 by plane and perhaps considerably less if we travel by train.

This trip can be a wonderful experience for you giving you the opportunity to meet many fine Christian people and to see a beautiful part of our world—MEXICO! Please write to us immediately if you are interested in taking this trip with us.

National F.Y.C.
P. O. Box 2370
Denver, Colorado 80201

Summer Fun = Youth Camp

DISTRICT 1 CALIFORNIA YOUTH CAMP

Date: June 25-July 1 **For ages** 13-25
Place: Harmony Ridge Camp (3½ mi. east of Nevada City, California)
 Fee: \$20.00 (includes \$5.00 pre-registration fee)
 Send pre-registration fee to: Jerry Griffin, P. O. Box 15402, Sacramento, CA 95813

OREGON YOUTH CAMP

Date: July 29-August 5
Place: Aldersgate Park in Turner, Oregon
 For more information write: Duane Tilley, 595 Blackfoot, Ave, Eugene, OR 97402

DISTRICTS 2 & 3

Date: July 2-8 **For ages** 9-21
Place: MARANATHA BIBLE CAMP (near North Platte, Nebraska)
 Fee: \$4.00 per day for campers under 13, \$5.00 per day for campers over 13.
 For more information write: Wesley Walker, P. O. Box 176, Eureka, S. D. 57437

DISTRICT 4

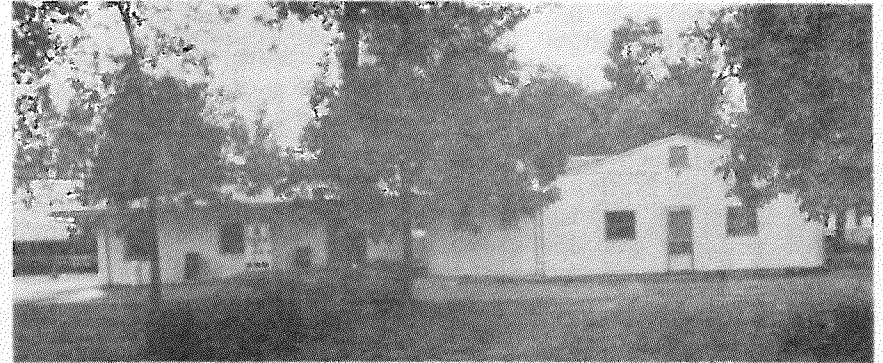
Date: June 24-30 **For ages** 9-25
Place: LAKE TEXOMA STATE PARK (near Durant, Oklahoma)
 Fee: \$15.00
 For more information write: Calvin A. Burrell, 1004 Fayetteville Rd., Van Buren, AR 72956

DISTRICT 6

Date: June 24-July 1 **For ages** 9-25
Place: CAMP BETHANY (Lakeville, Ohio)
 Fee: \$20.00 (includes \$5.00 pre-registration fee)
 For more information write: Vernon Patchen, Rt. 5, 3205 Bennington Rd., Owosso MI 48867

IT'S TIME TO GET READY FOR

General Conference, 1973
Aug. 10-18 **St. Mary's, Ohio**



The youth meetings will be held in this building.

Send your reservations and correspondence to:

Church of God (7th Day), P. O. Box X236, Ferndale, MI 48220

APPLICATION

Name

Address

Will attend all weekyesno

(if no, please indicate which days you will attend))

Accommodations needed for adults and children or young people

Please list the names, etc., of the children and young people:

name	age	sex
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Accommodations wanted (specify housing and number of beds desired):

- () Adult dorm (for adults and children)single bunks
- () Island dorm single beds; double beds
- () Girls' dorm bunk(s) (Girls must be 13 or older)
- () Boys' Cabins bunk(s) (Boys must be 13 or older)